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[The "Letters to the Editors" section of the East German foreign affairs monthly, Deutsche Aussenpolitik, No 6, June 1965, carried the following question concerning the DCI, allegedly posed by a resident of West Germany, and the journal's answer to this question.]

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WHO IS THE NEW CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN SECRET SERVICE?

In the Sueddeutsche Zeitung [Munich] I recently saw a small item which reported that the American President Johnson has suddenly named W. Raborn as the new director of the CIA. In contrast to similar personnel changes, one found in this case very little additional information in our newspapers. Can your editorial board assist in enlightening me regarding the background of the change in the CIA directorship?

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The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is not only the parent organization of all American secret service branches and the largest imperialist secret service apparatus in general, but it represents at the same time, the coordinating center which is accepted by all of America's military pact partners, as well as the directing headquarters for all anti-socialist and neocolonialist subversive activities. The CIA director -- and, thus, virtually one of the most prominent troublemakers in the world -- presides, in addition, over the Joint Secret Service Committee of the US (Intelligence Advisory Committee) as part of his function, and has considerable influence over American policy, as a member of the American National Security Council. Every CIA director has functioned to a certain degree as the American President's scandal-monger who is well-informed from first-hand sources. The CIA is a widely-scattered office, whose activity is not completely controlled even by the government. There is a reason, in this connection, why people within and outside the United States speak of the "invisible government." Defeats of this "invisible government," such as occurred in Playa Giron, in Africa and in Southeast Asia, however, were always defeats suffered by the American President. When the moment came for a change in the CIA leadership, one must see in this basically one of the results of the actual power relationship in the world which is being determined by the forces of peace and progress.

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